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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PARTS OF RULES 22, 31 AND 47 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE NOT YET AGREED UPON

Consideration of rule 47 of the rules of procedure

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

The Conference of the Parties

1. Decides to replace the marginal note, the title and paragraph 1 of rule 47 of the rules of procedure with the following:

"Majority required

"Rule 47

"1. [The Parties shall make every effort to reach agreement on all matters of substance by consensus. If all efforts to reach consensus have been exhausted and no agreement has been reached, the decision shall, as a last resort, be taken by [a simple majority vote] [a two-thirds majority vote] of the Parties present and voting, [except for decisions taken under article 21 [and article 22, paragraph 2 (g)] of the Convention which shall be agreed upon by consensus, or] [unless otherwise provided by

"(a) the Convention,

"(b) the financial rules referred to in article 22, paragraph 2 (e) of the Convention, or

"(c) the present rules of procedure.]]"

2. Requests the secretariat to include consideration of this outstanding rule of procedure on the agenda of the third session of the Conference of the Parties.

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